GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:230
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2016
Man-Animal Conflict
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/projects under implementation to avoid man-animal conflict along with the funds released for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
(b) whether there are reports of persons having been killed/injured and loss of crops and damages to property by wild animals including elephants, lions, tigers, neelgais, wild boars etc. and if so, the details thereof during the said period, State-wise;
(c) the guidelines in place to provide compensation for such casualties along with the funds disbursed and number of persons/farmers paid compensation during the said period, State-wise;
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to enhance the compensation amount in view of the prevailing price rise and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the preventive steps being taken to minimise loss of lives and damage to crops and property due to man-animal conflict in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 230 REGARDING "MAN-ANIMAL CONFLICT" BY SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV: SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA DUE FOR REPLY ON 02.08.2016:

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' (CSS-IDWH), the Ministry provides financial assistance to the States/ Union Territory Governments for management of wildlife. The scheme also includes a specific component for activities including mitigation and management of human-wildlife conflict. An allocation of Rs. 15 crore has been provided specifically for this component.
In addition to this, the Central Government provides partial financial assistance to the States/ Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Project Tiger" and 'Project Elephant", inter alia, for the management of human wildlife conflict.
Details of funds released to State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats", "Project Tiger" and 'Project Elephant" during last three years and the current year is at Annexure I(A),I(B) and I(C) respectively .
Further, the Ministry, with financial assistance from Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), has formulated a scheme to provide assistance to the States for 'Augmentation of Fodder and Water in Protected areas/Forest Areas', aimed at improving habitat in the areas by making provision for augmenting grass, fodder and water to the wild animals which would decrease the frequency of wild animals coming out of forest in search of food and water and subsequent conflict situations.

(b) Incidences of loss of human lives and damage to crops by wild animals are reported in various parts of the country from time to time. Management of forest and wildlife is the responsibility of State Governments. As such State-wise and year-wise data of such incidents are not collated in the Ministry. However, the data received in the Ministry from the States in National Tiger Conservation Authority and Project Elephant, indicating the death of human beings are at Annexure II(A) and II(B) respectively .
(c) State Governments provide relief from their own funds as well from the assistance provided by Central Government for ex-gratia relief in respect of damage to crops and loss of human lives suffered by the victims of depredations/attacks by wild animals. The details of amount paid as compensation and details of beneficiaries are not collated in the Ministry. The Central Government provides financial assistance to the States/ Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats", "Project Tiger" and 'Project Elephant", inter alia, to make payment of ex-gratia relief.
Ministry has issued a letter no. 14-2/2011-WL-I(pt) dated 21.11.2012 stating the amount of ex-gratia relief for payment to the victims of predation/depredation by wild animals. The details are as follows:

Sl.No. Nature of damage caused by wild animals Amount of ex-gratia relief
(a) Death or permanent incapacitation Rs. 2,00,000/-
(b) Grievous injury 30% of (a)
(c) Minor injury Cost of treatment
(d) Loss of property Value of loss/damage as assessed by authorized officer

States have their own rates for ex-gratia relief for victims of wildlife attack.
(d) A proposal is under consideration in the Ministry to enhance the ex-gratia relief to the victims for loss of life or injury to human beings and damages caused to property and crops etc due to attack of wild animals, as per the details below:

Sl.No. Nature of damage caused by wild animals Amount of ex-gratia relief
(a) Death or permanent incapacitation to human beings Rs. 5 Lakh
(b) Grievous injury Rs. 2 Lakh
(c) Minor injury Cost of treatment
(d) Loss of property/crops Value of loss/damage as assessed by authorized officer

(e) Central Government provides financial assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments. The activities supported under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats", "Project Tiger" and 'Project Elephant" for the management of wildlife and its habitats in the country inter alia include construction /erection of physical barriers, such as barbed wire fence, solar powered electric fence, bio-fencing using cactus, boundary walls etc. to prevent the entry of wild animals into crop fields; improvement of wildlife habitat of wild animals by augmenting the availability of food and water in forest areas to reduce the entry of animals from forests to habitations and setting up of anti-depredation squads to drive away problematic animals.

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